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SUBJECT: GOVERNORS' VISIT

1. EIGHTEEN STATE GOVERNORS, MEMBERS OF SOUTHERN GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE, SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA, MOST LIKELY DURING PERIOD NOVEMBER 8 TO 22. HOWEVER, BASED ON MEETING WE HAD TODAY WITH CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES , APPEARS AT THIS TIME THAT NUMBER OF GOVERNORS WHO ACTUALLY WOULD MAKE TRIP LIKELY TO APPROXIMATE SEVEN - MOST PROBABLE ARE BRISCOE (TEXAS), WALLACE (ALABAMA), ASKEW (FLORIDA), EDWARDS (SOUTH CAROLINA), EDWARDS (LOUISIANA), BUSBEE (GEORGIA) AND BOREN (OKLAHOMA). GOVERNORS PROBABLY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY WIVES AND SOME OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. EACH MAY ALSO TAKE ALONG ONE OR MORE PERSONAL STAFF. COMBINED WITH CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES GROUP MAY TOTAL AROUND FIFTY. MOST INTEREST EXPRESSED IN VISITING BRAZIL, VENEZUELA AND COLOMBIA.

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2. PURPOSE OF VISIT WOULD BE TO EXPLORE WITH MOST

APPROPRIATE HIGH-RANKING HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND BUSINESS, BANKING AND OTHER LEADERS IN PRIVATE SECTOR POSSIBILITIES FOR EXPANDING TRADE, TOURISM, INVESTMENT AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES (E.G., EXCHANGES OF UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS, ETC.). THEY NOT EXPECTING TO CONCLUDE ANY SPECIFIC TRADE OR INVESTMENT ARRANGEMENTS, THOUGH THERE IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

AN OUTSIDE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING CULTURAL EXCHANGE GRANT IF EMBASSY HAS ANY PROPOSALS TO PUT BEFORE THEM WELL IN ADVANCE OF GROUP'S ARRIVAL. GROUP PREPARED TO TRAVEL WITHIN COUNTRY TO MAKE BEST CONTACTS POSSIBLE.

3. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS YOUR ADVICE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE TOMORROW (AUGUST 7) AS TO FEASIBILITY OF VISIT BY THIS GROUP TO YOUR HOST COUNTRY. IF YOU CONSIDER VISIT INADVISABLE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REASONS.

4. BY AUGUST 13 WE REQUIRE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ITINERARY (ASSUMING ONE FULL WEEK IN BRAZIL AND A HALF WEEK EACH IN VENEZUELA AND COLOMBIA, ALLOWING OF COURSE FOR TRAVEL TIME). PLEASE INDICATE PLACES WHERE GROUP SHOULD PLAN TO GO, PERSONS EMBASSY LIKELY TO BE ABLE TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS WITH, USEFUL LUNCHEES, DINNERS AND/OR RECEPTIONS THAT MIGHT BE ARRANGED, ETC.

5. ALSO BY AUGUST 13 WE NEED YOUR BEST ROUGH CALCULATION OF COSTS THAT GROUP WOULD NEED TO MEET -- E.G., CARS THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE RENTED, COSTS OF SOCIAL EVENTS EMBASSY NOT ABLE TO MEET, ETC. HOW MANY CARS CAN EMBASSY PROVIDE; HOW MANY WOULD HAVE TO BE RENTED? NOT NECESSARY TO INCLUDE IN THESE CALCULATIONS TOTAL COSTS OF HOTEL ROOMS AND SEPARATE MEALS, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ADVISING US OF CURRENT GOING RATES FOR HOTEL ROOMS (SINGLE, DOUBLE, SUITES) AND MEALS.

6. AS SOON AS WE HAVE REVIEWED YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS AND COST ESTIMATES WE WILL CONFER FURTHER WITH CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES AND THEN GET BACK TO YOU IN ORDER TO WORK OUT MORE DEFINITE PLANS AND ARRANGEMENTS. HOW SOON IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADVANCE DO YOU NEED FIRM NUMBERS IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT HOTEL ROOMS CAN BE OBTAINED?

7. WE WOULD HOPE THAT IN ADDITION TO ARRANGING PRODUCTIVE CONTACTS AND MEETINGS AS GOVERNORS HAVE REQUESTED, IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO EXPOSE THIS GROUP TO LOCAL CONDITIONS AND EFFORTS UNDERWAY TO DEAL WITH ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS. PLEASE WEAVE THIS INTO YOUR PROPOSED ITINERARY AS YOU DEEM

MOST APPROPRIATE.

8. WE REGRET SHORT DEADLINES BUT GOVERNORS ANXIOUS TO PIN
DOWN PLANS VERY SOON IN ORDER TO WORK VISIT INTO HIGHLY
CROWDED CALENDARS.

9. PLEASE SLUG ALL COMMUNICATIONS: GOVERNORS' VISIT --
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